

SUGAR
Cane: 4.05 per lb., \$81.00
per ton.
Beets: 13a. 6 1/2d. cwt.,
\$97.60 per ton.

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Bar., 8 a. m., 30.02.
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SAYS INTERVENTION IS ONLY HOPE WAR ON RAILROAD-OWNED STEAMSHIPS USING CANAL

Lot Lane Anticipated Discovery

That the idea of obtaining fertilizers from the volcanic soils of the islands is by no means a new one is evidenced by the fact that Lot K. C. Lane, in the days of the Republic of Hawaii and when S. M. Damon was minister of finance took out a patent for using these soils as a fertilizer. His case was taken up by T. McCants Stewart, the negro attorney who was then practicing here.

The Hawaiians have known all along that the volcanic soil contained some agent that made plants grow better, but at the same time, with their knowledge at the time, they did not know what integral part of the soil it was.

That it was potash to a large extent, however, is clearly to be seen, even without an analysis being made of the soil. One of the plants that brought the matter particularly to Lane's notice was that cabbage grew to an enormous size when planted in some of the volcanic soil in the neighborhood of the volcano.

This clearly points to potash being the agent, as cabbages are plants that send down a tap root into the subsoil and bring up potash. Similar crops, such as rape, are used to fertilize a soil with potash by the simple expedient of growing them and then plowing them under.

Whether the patent obtained by Lane will hold good or not now is a matter for legal determination, but

it will be an interesting point in view of the announcement made by Dr. Wilcox as to the potash deposits in the islands.

Dr. Wilcox's Announcement.
Ordinary "black sand", or volcanic cinder, which exists on all of the islands in unlimited quantity, is declared by Dr. E. V. Wilcox, director of the Hawaii Experiment Station, to contain from two to seven per cent of potash, and to be worth from \$5 to \$6 per ton as fertilizer.

According to this authority, the local station chemists have been experimenting with black sand for some time, and have demonstrated that the black sand contains potash in a form which, while not immediately available for plant food, becomes soluble slowly, and thus distributes its valuable element over a number of years. Besides the potash which the cinder contains, Dr. Wilcox claims that the cinder is valuable mechanically for opening up heavy or sour soils.

Large quantities of potash are imported from Germany annually as fertilizer, and the experiment station men believe that the black sand will replace a large amount of this, at a greatly reduced cost.

A peculiar feature, noted by the chemists in their work, was that while the sand contains from two to seven per cent of potash, the black lava thus far analyzed contains only about one-half of one per cent of potash.

Turnkey Levy Acquitted Of Very Serious Charge

Levy was acquitted on the first ballot by the jury this afternoon.

The serious statutory charge against former Turnkey Bob Levy, under which he has just been on trial in Judge Robinson's court, was a put-up job on the part of the prison guards to get rid of him because of his strictness, according to the testimony given this morning not only by the defendant himself but also by his former superior, Jailer Julius Asch. Lorrin Andrews, attorney for the defendant, this morning put on several witnesses to prove the previous good character of Levy. These included Col. C. J. McCarthy, F. B. McStocker, Jack Lucas and Julius Asch. All of these testified that they had known Levy for years and that he had always borne a good reputation. In cross-examining Lucas, Deputy City Attorney A. M. Brown found

that he had caught a Tartar. Jack had some amusing or sarcastic retort to every question asked him by Brown, and the rapid-fire questions and answers of the prosecuting officer and the witness kept the jury convulsed with laughter. The judge nearly swallowed his fist trying to preserve the severe judicial countenance.

Jailer Asch, formerly the superior of the defendant until the latter was accused of having criminally assaulted Maria Wallehua, the chief witness for the prosecution, was enthusiastic in his commendation of Levy and did not hesitate to declare that in his opinion the jail guards had put up a job to get rid of Levy because the latter was strict with them. He declared unhesitatingly that Levy was a first-class officer who was always on the job and who had incurred the enmity of the guards by making them attend to business.

Asch said he was sick at the time of the alleged offense, but when he heard of it he made up his mind he would go down and investigate and report the matter to the sheriff, if he "died on the road."

He made the further statement that on one occasion he entered the office of the sheriff unexpectedly and found three of the jail guards there making complaints against Levy. He told them promptly that any complaints had to come to him first and go through him to the sheriff. That was the last he ever heard of the matter.

Levy took the stand in his own defense and made the flat declaration that there was a plot against him and that he had been told by one of the guards that they intended to get him. For that reason, he said, he never visited the women's quarters without (Continued on Page Five.)

ICECREAM AGAIN BEING TESTED

Food Commissioner Blanchard is starting after the icecream vendors again. He is busy at present testing the delicacy in order to see how the samples stand as regards butter fat. Some time ago there was a lot of publicity regarding the icecream that was said to be lacking in butter contents. The matter is now being taken up again, and some developments may be expected within a day or so. The work of averaging up the samples of milk that have been taken from the city dairies during the last three months is progressing and will soon be completed. The milk is showing up well and the standard is said to be very high.

COTTRILL MAY GO TO MAINLAND

Collector Cottrill, of the Internal Revenue office, may leave for the mainland within a short time from now. He does not think that he can get away in time to attend the Republican convention on June 18, but it is possible that a cable may instruct him to do so. At any rate, a trip to Washington is a possibility, if not a strong probability.

Should Collector Cottrill leave for the mainland, Deputy Ralph Johnson will take charge of the office till Cottrill returns.

Another change has been made in the local internal revenue staff. Storekeeper Lee Sing has been succeeded by E. K. Kekueva, who recently was stationed at the Kona distillery.

With reference to the discovery of the illicit still in the Koolau range, Collector Cottrill said this morning that the Japanese, who are alleged to have run the still, are now Federal prisoners. The Collector paid a compliment to the detective force for the good work they did in connection with the raid.

It is whispered around town that Cottrill will proceed to the mainland very soon, and that he will remain there till after the elections in November next. Cottrill is a strong Taffman, and is said to be able to swing a large number of votes.

HEALTH LECTURE THIS EVENING

This evening, at the Central Grammar school, there will be a lantern show relating to the health exhibit, and there will also be a talk given by Dr. Sinclair on the subjects shown on the screen.

The exhibition is attracting much attention, and daily a number of people drop in to see the models and pictures. That a good lesson is being taught regarding the evils of bad ventilation, and of improper methods of drainage, is the opinion of those best qualified to know.

The exhibition is well worth seeing, and everyone interested in health conditions should drop in this evening and have a look around.

THIS HORSE HAS BOLTING HABIT

Yesterday afternoon a delivery wagon belonging to Gonsalves & Co., was standing near King and Alapai streets. The lines got tangled under the horse's tail and the noble animal took fright and bolted with the driver, Teraa.

The mad career of the horse was soon ended by a fence into which the runaway dashed, smashing the wagon.

Neither horse nor driver was hurt. Some time ago the same horse and driver ran into a mail wagon in Achi Lane, causing the horse in the latter rig to run away and resulting in the smashing of the mail wagon.

WIFE BEATER GETS SOAKED

In the police court this morning, J. I. Terry, charged with profanity, was fined \$3 and costs.

Kilmo, who beat his wife so badly that she is still in the hospital, was sent to jail for two months by Judge Monarrat.

Annie Maunaloa, charged with assault and battery on another native woman, was fined \$5 and costs.

H. Buck, drunk, had to pay \$3 and costs.

Is Honolulu To Help the Pacific Mail

Will Honolulu respond to the appeal of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company and throw what weight she has against the bill now in Congress, which if passed will prohibit steamers owned or controlled by transcontinental railroad lines from using the Panama Canal on the same basis as independent companies?

An effort, it seems, is to be made to force this question to an issue, and accordingly a meeting will probably be called of the members of the Merchants' Association for some day next week for the purpose of passing upon it. The matter will likely also be presented formally at the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce which will be held next Wednesday.

A Fight For Life.

The Pacific Mail is in a serious position. Every little will now help or hurt, in the opinion of General Manager R. P. Schwerin, who accordingly wrote by the last mail through his agents, Hackfeld & Company, holding out the inducement, for Honolulu to rally to his standard, of four new ships for the Pacific to be built by his company, upon the defeat of the measure. The bill if passed will debar the Pacific Mail, as an auxiliary company of the Southern Pacific, from using the canal.

How Does Honolulu Stand?
Just how Honolulu will take the matter is hard to say, and it is not probable that she will decline to (Continued on Page Eight.)

BEAUTIFUL MAYDAY PARADE AND FROLIC OF HUNDREDS OF KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN

Hundreds of children—aye, perhaps thousands, for they didn't stand still long enough to be counted—transformed Thomas Square this morning into a green and sunny world all their own, where living flowers danced in a riot of color and Brownies and Fairies gambled on the sward as if they were the commonest of mortals, and had not appeared simply to make the May Day fete of the Honolulu kindergartens a never to be forgotten spectacle.

Of course the white clad bandsmen and the mothers and big sisters represented the country of the grown-ups, but the latter had nothing to say as to the proceedings, and the former kept strictly to themselves in the stand allotted them, contented with furnishing the dream music necessary in all properly conducted fairy lands.

The children began coming long before 9:30 o'clock, when the festivities were to begin. They came not by ones or twos, but by scores and hundreds, pouring in from all points of the compass, so that one onlooker was led to remark that he didn't know there were so many children in the world.

Hundreds in Costume.

The May Day fete this year was far more elaborate than any given by the children heretofore. Practically all the kindergarten children were in costumes which represented the work of many hours and spoke volumes for the energy shown by those in charge. While different from the Punahou Pageant, it was no less elaborate and the fact that something like a thousand tots took part made it a gorgeous spectacle which kept two or three hundred cameras clicking so regularly as to make noise like a battery of rapid fire guns in action.

Included among the children who danced and played, but who were not in costume, were the pupils of the primary grades from the various schools and the scene presented of hundreds of little ones representing many races, skipping hand in hand (Continued on Page Five.)

BERNDT'S DOUBLE ANNIVERSARY

E. A. Berndt, manager of W. W. Elmond & Company, is celebrating a double anniversary today—that of his birth, thirty-four years ago, and of his arrival in Honolulu, twenty-nine years ago.

Mr. Berndt's parents, both of whom are living in Honolulu, came to Hawaii as immigrants from Germany when Emil was but five years of age, and for nine or ten years lived on Kauai. They moved to Honolulu at the end of that time in order that their children might be afforded better school facilities, and the present manager of Elmond & Company was put into St. Louis College Preparatory school when he was fourteen. He went through the college in good time, and has been hustling ever since.

He is at the present one of the "live wires" of the community, being actively associated in the affairs of the Merchants' Association, a member of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, an officer in the central improvement club, and one of the prime agitators who are making Kaimuki the most wideawake and progressive suburb in the city.

U. S. MARSHAL ON MEXICAN SITUATION

(Associated Press Cables to the Star.)

GALVESTON, Texas, May 3.—United States Marshal Brewster, returning from the Mexican border, says that intervention is the only hope for Mexico. The Mexican Congress has appointed a peace commission to deal directly with the rebels but Brewster expects little from this. It is reported here that the British cruiser *Algerine* is bound for the west coast in search of refugees.

STEAMSHIP CANAL WAR.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—It developed in Congress today that the independent steamship lines bitterly oppose railroad-owned ships using the Panama canal on equal terms. Both sides are represented before the Inter-Oceanic canal committee of the House.

LIFTING METHODIST BAN.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 3.—The Board of Bishops of the International Conference of Methodists recommend that the church ban be lifted on dancing, cards, horses and theaters.

CHICAGO'S NEWSPAPER STRIKE.

CHICAGO, May 3.—The strike in the newspaper offices has resulted in small editions. Police guards are about the offices and there are prospects of a big fight.

AGAINST FEDERAL BRIGADE.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Representative Hill has introduced a measure to prevent government employes from participating in presidential campaigns.

COAL STRIKE MAY BE SETTLED.

NEW YORK, May 3.—A coal conference has been arranged at Wilkes-Barre between operators and miners. It is believed the strike will be settled.

ANOTHER LEEVEE BREAKS.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 3.—The levee at North Morganza has broken and it is believed that eight people are drowned.

AGAINST WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Senator Reed opposed the workmen's compensation bill in the debate today.

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Assessment Raise Blocks Hotel Street Widening

That Hotel street widening at Fort Street, which has been agitated and prayed for, for these many years, may be indefinitely postponed just as it seemed to approach realization, and that through the raising of tax assessments on the property involved, is the prospect that loomed up at a meeting of the board of supervisors this afternoon.

The blow descended in the form of a letter from the James Campbell estate people. This advised the board

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GOVERNOR FREAR GRATIFIED AT THE HOMESTEAD DECISION

"We are all exceedingly pleased with the decision of the Supreme Court in the homestead cases," declared Governor Frear this morning. "We are pleased, not only because we won out—that is a minor matter—but because it establishes the policy of future homesteads, and enables homesteaders to know exactly what they can do."

The Governor went on to say that there was very little good land available for homesteads, and that it should not be wasted. That there are plenty of people anxious to take the land and cultivate it themselves, and should get it and not those people who would later on turn the land over to aliens or to plantations, was the Governor's opinion.

In all, there are fifty-eight cases that are affected by the decision of the supreme court. Two test cases—one on a cash freehold and one on a right of purchase lease—were to decide the homestead proposition. Now contract, the Oahu loan fund commission has decided that the second contract, that all the other cases will be looked into individually and, where awarded like the first to the Lord's homesteaders has acted in good faith, he may be given another plot of land.

LORD & YOUNG LOSE ANOTHER

After pondering over the Supreme Court decision on the first belt road contract, the Oahu loan fund commission has decided that the second contract, that all the other cases will be looked into individually and, where awarded like the first to the Lord's homesteaders has acted in good faith, he may be given another plot of land.